request includes related terms not defined or chosen by the user, the related terms being amended to the user search request and the one meaning in a weighted string; and

providing said expanded search request to a search engine capable of identifying information associated with said expanded search request.

10. A process according to claim 1, wherein analyzing a search request includes generating a user linguistic database for the user, wherein the linguistic database is separate from the knowledgebase, and wherein the linguistic database is representative of keyphrases and associated user-defined meanings [employed by the user].

13. (Amended) A process according to claim 12, including the employing said keyphrase to access said user linguistic database and identify a sense signal associated with said keyphrase.

15. (Amended) A system for aiding a user in developing a search request, comprising

a linguistic knowledgebase having information representative of a list of sense signals, each sense signal being information for describing a linguistic meaning, and a list of weighted and unweighted words, wherein weighted words are weighted in relation to a potential query term;

a controller for generating an interface for collecting from the user a keyphrase representative of a user search request, and for employing said keyphrase to access information from said linguistic knowledgebase to generate an expanded search request, and

a query mechanism for processing said expanded search request to generate a set of boolean search requests, each associated with at least one preselected search engine, wherein each of the boolean search requests corresponds to the expanded search request; and for providing each said boolean search request to a respective preselected search engine.

17. (Amended) A system according to claim 15, further comprising:

a mechanism for generating a user linguistic database for the user, wherein the uesr linguistic database is separate from the linguistic knowledgebase, and wherein the user

linguistic database is representative of keyphrases and associated user-defined meanings [employed by the user].

19. (Amended) A system according to claim 15, wherein said controller further includes

means for accessing flag signals from said linguistic knowledgebase, [said flag signals being representative of control information capable of controlling the type of expanded search requests that can be generated] wherein the flag signals are associated with a sense signal and identify a condition of use of words associated with that sense signal in the generation of the expanded search request.

Please delete claims 14 and 20 without prejudice.

Please add claims 21-23.

21. (New) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the expanded search includes a NOT operator in association with a related term.

22. (New) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the related terms are weighted in accordance with the relevance of the related term to the search request and the one meaning.

23. (New) A system as claimed in claim 15, wherein each boolean search request is formatted in accordance with the respective preselected search engine.

24. (New) A system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the query mechanism receives search results from each preselected search engine, and further comprising:

a merger module, wherein the merger module processes the search results received from each preselected search engine for presentation to the user, wherein each entry in the search results is weighted based upon the relevance of the entry in relation to the terms of the original expanded search request.